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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York and Chicago, prices were unchanged. Prices in other areas ranged unchanged to sharply higher. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand remained moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to available for trade needs. In the Central region, breaking stock offerings were readily available for the moderate demand. Breaking stock offerings in the East were short to barely adequate and demand was fair. Light type hens were generally sufficient for normal processing schedules.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 5 cents higher on the larger sizes and unchanged to 4 cents higher on mediums, when based on previous week average pricing. In Boston and New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good, best where limited feature activity was in progress. Supplies were adequate to available on all sizes. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely adequate for the fair demand. Light type fowl were generally sufficient for normal processing schedules.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were unchanged for the larger sizes and up moderately for medium. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to at times fully steady. Retail demand was moderate to good, best for ongoing features. Food service demand was generally moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices were unchanged. Offerings were more readily available than previously reported. Demand was mostly moderate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment cautiously steady.

**CHICAGO** All prices unchanged. The market tone was steady. Retail and food service demand moderate to good for the upcoming Easter holiday. Supplies generally adequate with some packers working extended schedules for store door deliveries this week.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were unchanged to sharply higher on all sizes. However, prices in Florida were higher on mediums and unchanged on the other sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady. Demand ranged moderate to good. Supplies were usually adequate for trade needs. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending March 22, 2002 was 79.08 cents, 9.35 cents more than a week earlier and 2.26 cents more than last year. Breaking stock offerings were short to barely sufficient for the fair demand. Light type hens were adequate for normal processing schedules.

**WESTERN** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large and large, 4 cents higher on medium throughout the region. The Pacific region inventory was 9% lower than last Monday with California down 7% and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 13%. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings adequate.

**NEW YORK** Prices began the week unchanged on all sizes. The market tone was cautiously steady. Retail and distributive demand was fair to good, usually better for very limited feature activity. Supplies were adequate for current seasonal needs.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DLVRD STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DZ.**

NORTHEAST CITIES	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
Boston (Brown)	100-102	93-95	75-77
New York	84-88	82-86	54-58
Philadelphia	82-86	81-84	52.5-56
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	77-81	75-78	45-49
Jackson (1)	80-82	79-81	46-48
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	83-94	82-93	54-64
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	74-78	72-76	47-51
Detroit (2)	70-75	69-74	47-51
Major Ohio Cities (2)	72-76	71-74	45-49
Major Wisconsin Cities	73-80	72-78	47-52
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	93-96	88-92	60-64
California (Grade AA)(1)(3)	109	105	82

(1) - Prices reported weekly  
(3) - Reported Invoice prices

(2) - Delivered Warehouse

**CALIFORNIA** Prices unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large, 4 cents higher on medium and small. The California inventory was 7% lower than last Monday. Retailer demand seasonally good. Offerings adequate. Small benchmark price 62. Ads in Northern California: major- large 18 pack 97, buy 1 get 1 free.

California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA eggs in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	110
EXTRA LARGE	109
LARGE	105
MEDIUM	82

**PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	239-299	JUMBO	235-289
EXTRA LARGE	229-279	EXTRA LARGE	225-249
LARGE	199-219	LARGE	195-239
MEDIUM	179-199	MEDIUM	175-199

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending March 29, 2002 will increase by 40 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending March 22, 2002 were 298,190 cases which was 4 percent below the prior week and 14 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased			
present week.....	257,323	40,867	298,190
% change from the			
prior week.....	-4	-2	-4

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were more readily available than previously reported. Demand was mostly moderate. Schedules mixed. Floor stocks in close balance. Trade sentiment cautiously steady. PRICES PAID TO 11:00 AM, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	34-36	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-23	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Processing schedules were reduced for the holiday week. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was generally steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-MAR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 7-11 CENTS/LB.	8-9		9.00
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN** Majority prices were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for about adequate to fully adequate offerings. Processing schedules for current week were in a range of normal to less than normal. Interest for finished product was clearing available supplies. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \*FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 25-MAR-02

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD
AT FARM BUYER LOADING 65.5-10.5 CENTS/LB.	8.5-9		8.71
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.			

# WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT-AM MAR 25, 2002

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO	SO	SO	5-Area	
	Northeast	CENT	CENT	Atl	Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	14.0	18.0	12.8	17.7	76.4
	Change	0.6	-2.7	0.7	-0.9	-4%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	25.6	37.9	18.1	36.1	153.9
	Change	-8.4	-17.3	-1.9	-0.2	-16%
Large	Curr Wk	42.1	120.4	82.3	140.9	512.2
	Change	-11.4	-32.0	-11.9	4.5	-12%
Medium	Curr Wk	11.3	32.8	18.6	18.3	109.7
	Change	-1.5	-7.0	0.2	-11.0	-16%
Small	Curr Wk	4.0	7.5	6.5	3.5	30.1
	Change	0.0	0.3	0.2	-2.6	-4%
Misc	Curr Wk	4.2	17.9	7.7	15.1	51.5
	Change	0.0	-1.8	-0.4	3.2	4%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	16.1	28.6	24.7	29.9	127.7
	Change	-6.0	-10.4	-2.7	-0.1	-15%
Total	Curr Wk	117.3	263.1	170.7	261.5	1061.5
Percent	Change	-19%	-21%	-8%	-3%	-12%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1061.5	-12%	170
Shell Egg Breaking Stock 2/	226.9	0%	38
Total Shell Egg	1288.4	-10%	208

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 170 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.  
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**CANADIAN EGGS** MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11, 2002

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	181.4	178.4	169.4	113.6
MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING FEBRUARY 11, 2002 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.				
GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	141	141	131	77

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MARCH 22, 2002

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
25.50								8.00								33.50							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		SW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W 1	58.00	—	59.50	60.50	49.00	51.00	5.00	GL W J	50.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	57.50	2.00	GL W J	50.50	—	GL W XL	—	—
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	41.00	44.00	2.00	GL W XL	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.25	GL W LG	—	—	GL W LG	—	—
GL W XL	—	—	68.50	70.00	—	—	6.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	63.57	8.00	GL W MD	—	—	GL W MD	—	—
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	58.00	—	8.50	GL W SM	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	GL W SM	—	—	NRBS - 48	—	—
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	.75	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4.25	NRBS - 39	—	—	NRBS - 39	—	—
GL W SM	—	—	23.00	24.50	22.10	24.20	3.50	NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00						

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 03/18/02-03/22/02

CURRENT LOADS								FUTURE LOADS								TOTAL LOADS							
84.50								53.50								138.00							
		SE		NE		MW		LOADS				SC		NW		MW		LOADS					
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST	CLASS	ORG	DST
GNR W XL	—	—	—	62.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	49.00	61.33	—	—	—	—	—	6.00	GL W J	53.00	—	—	—	61.10	5.00
GNR W 1	59.67	66.70	60.13	61.73	54.14	56.46	74.00	GL W XL	62.25	—	—	—	—	—	73.21	5.75	GL W LG	62.03	72.45	—	—	77.75	67.57
GNR W 2	—	63.00	—	60.00	59.25	62.00	5.00	GL W MD	41.00	46.17	—	—	—	—	—	8.75	NRBS - 39	23.00	25.00	—	—	—	—
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	38.25	41.00	4.00	NRBS - 39	23.00	25.00	—	—	—	—	—	1.00							
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	30.00	32.00	.75																
GL W J	—	—	—	—	52.50	—	2.00																
GL W XL	—	73.92	68.64	71.02	74.00	—	29.00																
GL W LG	—	74.46	67.00	68.50	58.00	—	21.50																
GL W MD	—	45.22	39.07	38.53	49.50	43.00	18.50																
GL W SM	—	—	22.67	24.00	21.42	23.50	6.00																
GL BR XL	—	—	—	50.00	—	—	1.25																
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	38.00	1.00																
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.55	36.05	32.25																
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	31.50	33.00	1.00																
NRBS - 42	—	—	—	—	—	31.00	1.00																
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	36.00	28.50	25.43	11.75																

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 03/10/02 - 03/16/02**

State	# Cases Shipped To Northern, CA	# Cases Shipped To Central, CA	# Cases Shipped To Southern, CA	Total State
Colorado	0	0	4,181	4,181
Indiana	0	0	720	720
Iowa	3,622	2,270	28,482	34,374
Kansas	0	0	934	934
Maine	0	0	800	800
Michigan	0	0	810	810
Minnesota	0	4,050	8,800	12,850
Missouri	0	0	780	780
New Hampshire	0	0	618	618
Ohio	0	0	800	800
Oregon	1,966	4,620	0	6,586
Utah	0	720	7,270	7,990
Washington	0	168	60	228
Wisconsin	800	0	1,500	2,300
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>11,828</b>	<b>55,755</b>	<b>73,971</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO MILITA</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>SHIPPED TO NONMI</b>	<b>6,388</b>	<b>11,828</b>	<b>55,755</b>	<b>73,971</b>

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
120-123	81-84	74-77	56-59	25-28

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS**

Receipts from the mainland: 3/10/02-3/16/02

30-dozen cases 7,664

Receipts from the mainland: 3/3/02-3/9/02

30-dozen cases 7,767

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
76-86	69-73	67-72	45-48	25-29

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
96.27	95.27	64.88	46.27

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
53-56	28-32	7-10

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	03/18/02	03/11/02	03/19/01
PACIFIC COAST	209	295	195
LOS ANGELES	181	257	165

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